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Substantive session

Agenda item 2 (a)*

Calendar of conferences and meetings: adoption of the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 2001

Note by the Secretariat

1. By section A, paragraph 2, of its resolution 54/248, the General Assembly approved the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 2000-2001 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences¹ and amended by subsequent decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session. The approved calendar was issued as document A/AC.172/2000/2.

2. In accordance with established practice, the Committee on Conferences submits to the General Assembly for the second year of each biennium a draft revised calendar that takes into account developments since the adoption of the biennial calendar. In the annex to the present note, the Secretariat submits a draft revised calendar of conferences for consideration by the Committee on Conferences. The schedule reflects a number of changes already made during the course of 2000. Other changes for which decisions are yet to be taken or which have yet to be communicated to the Secretariat will have to be incorporated at a later stage.

3. It should be noted that, in the drafting of the revised 2001 calendar of conferences, the Secretariat has taken into account the arrangements referred to in General Assembly resolution 54/248, section A, paragraph 6, with regard to Eid al-Adha, which falls on 5 March 2001, and Eid al-Fitr, which falls on 16 December 2001 (to be observed on 17 December), and section A, paragraph 7, concerned Orthodox Good Friday, which falls on 13 April 2001.

4. In considering the draft revised calendar for 2001, the Committee may wish to note the following in particular:

(a) *Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-eighth session* (see annex, sect. A, item 4). In its decision I (56) of 24 March 2000, the Committee decided to request that its fifty-eighth session be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 8 to 26 January 2001 in order to examine with

* A/AC.172/2000/1.



priority the reports of the States parties which encounter difficulties in attending meetings of the Committee in Geneva. The request is subject to approval by the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session. It should be noted that the Committee currently holds two sessions per year in Geneva. However, it is recalled that paragraph 4, article 10, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination stipulates that the sessions of the Committee shall normally be held at United Nations Headquarters.

(b) *Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, second session* (see annex, sect. A, item 64). The established headquarters of the Committee is in Geneva, where the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), its substantive secretariat, is located. However, the General Assembly, in its resolution 54/235, decided that the second session of the Committee would be held in New York in two parts, which constitutes an exception to the headquarters principle embodied in section I, paragraph 4, of General Assembly resolution 40/243.

5. The Committee may further wish to note the following special sessions of the General Assembly and special conferences which are scheduled to be held in 2001:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	April/June	Brussels
General Assembly, special session for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)	June	New York
United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects	June/July	New York
General Assembly, special session on the follow-up to the World Summit for Children	September	New York
High-level international intergovernmental event on financing for development	To be determined	New York
World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance	To be determined	Geneva*

* South Africa has offered to host the Conference.

Notes

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/52/32/Rev.1)*, annexes.

Annex**Draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations and of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency for 2001**

The following abbreviations are used in the present annex:

In the column headed "Organ"

ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICSC	International Civil Service Commission
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INSTRAW	International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research

UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNU	United Nations University
UPU	Universal Postal Union
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization

In the column headed "Membership"

G	Governments
E	Experts
ST	Secretariat or secretariats

In the column headed "Servicing"

I	Interpretation
T	Translation
PV	Verbatim records
SR	Summary records

A	Arabic
C	Chinese
E	English
F	French
R	Russian
S	Spanish

A. Draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, 2001 (as at June 2000)

Organ	Date (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing ^a	Periodicity
1. Military Staff Committee [Charter]	5 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	PV Every second Friday
2. Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, second session [General Assembly resolution 54/54 V]	8-19 January	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR ^b
3. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, resumed 2000 session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297] ^c	8-19 January	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
4. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	8-26 January	New York ^d	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T SR Two sessions per year
5. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	8-26 January	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T SR Three sessions per year
6. Economic and Social Council, election of Bureau [Charter]	9 January	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR
7. UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-seventh session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	15-19 January	Geneva	*	I (ACEFRS)	T - One or two sessions per year
8. Post-Phase V Working Group on Reimbursement of Contingent-Owned Equipment [General Assembly resolution 54/19B]	15-26 January	New York	59 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
9. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	15 January-2 February	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T SR Two sessions per year
10. Conference on Disarmament, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	15 January-23 March	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T PV One session in three parts per year
11. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, seventh session [General Assembly resolution 46/122]	22-25 January	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T - One session per year
12. UNICEF, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	22-26 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -

Organ	Date (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing ^a	Periodicity
13. Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/292]	22-26 January	New York	41 G	I (EFS)	One session every four years
14. UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	22-26 January	Geneva	*	I (ACEFRS)	-
15. Committee on the Rights of the Child, Pre-session Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	29 January-2 February	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	Three sessions per year
16. Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children, second substantive session [General Assembly resolution 54/93] ^c	29 January-2 February	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	-
17. Executive Board of UNDP and UNEFPA, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	29 January-9 February	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	-
18. Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session [General Assembly resolution 48/42]	29 January-23 February	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	One session per year
19. Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	30 January-2 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	One session per year
20. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	January (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	-
21. Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	January (4 days)	New York	20 E	I (ACEFRS)	Two sessions per year
22. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	January (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
23. Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP [General Assembly resolution 52/12 B]	January	New York	36 G/36 G/36 G	I (ACEFRS)	-
24. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Pre-session Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	5-9 February	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	Two sessions per year

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25. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	5-9 February	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T - One session per year
26. International Narcotics Control Board, seventieth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	5-9 February	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T - Two or three sessions per year
27. UNEP, Governing Council, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 42/185]	5-9 February	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session every two years
28. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	6 February-30 March	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T - Three sessions per year
29. UNCTAD, Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	12-16 February	Geneva	*	I (ACEFRS)	T -
30. Commission on Human Settlements, eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/1 and General Assembly resolution 32/162]	12-16 February	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session every two years
31. Executive Board of WFP, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	12-16 February	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
32. Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, second session [General Assembly resolution 54/196]	12-23 February	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
33. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	12-23 February	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
34. Commission for Social Development, thirty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	13-23 February	New York	46 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
35. Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing [General Assembly resolution 54/262]	13-23 February	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
36. Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), second substantive session [General Assembly resolution 53/180]	19-23 February	Nairobi	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -

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37. Eighth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child [General Assembly resolution 44/25]	26 February	New York	191 G	I (ACEFRS)	SR One session every two years
38. Commission on Sustainable Development, Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development [General Assembly resolution S-19/2]	26 February-2 March	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
39. UNCTAD, Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	26 February-2 March	Geneva	*	I (ACEFRS)	T -
40. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	26 February-9 March	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - Two sessions per year
41. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	February (1 week)	A capital in the region	23 G	I (AER)	T - One session per year
42. United Nations Latin American and Caribbean meeting on the question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 54/40]	February (3 days)	To be determined	To be determined	I (EFS)	T -
43. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	February (2 days)	New York	11-12 E	-	- Four or five meetings per year
44. Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, forty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	February	New York	5 G	-	- One session per year
45. UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67]	February	Geneva	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
46. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	February/March	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR ^f
47. Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	February/April (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T - One session per year
48. Statistical Commission, thirty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)]	6-9 March	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
49. General Assembly, Fifth Committee, resumed fifty-fifth session [Charter]	6-23 March or 12-30 March	New York	188 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR

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50. Commission on the Status of Women, forty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 11 (II), 1147 (XLI), 1987/21 and decision 1999/257]	6-16 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
51. Commission on Sustainable Development, inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	6-16 March	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
52. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	12-16 March	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T - Three sessions per year
53. Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, third session [General Assembly resolution 54/54 V]	19-30 March	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR ^b
54. Human Rights Committee, seventy-first session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	19 March-6 April	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T SR Three sessions per year
55. Commission on Human Rights, fifty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	19 March-27 April	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR One session per year
56. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	20-29 March	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
57. Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	20-29 March (4 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
58. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	26 March-6 April	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - Two sessions per year
59. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations [General Assembly resolution 40/131]	28-30 March	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T - One session per year
60. UNITAR, Board of Trustees, thirty-ninth session, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	March (2-3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T - One session in two parts per year
61. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	March/April (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
62. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	- Three sessions of one meeting each per year

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63.	Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996	New York	188 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
64.	Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, second session [General Assembly resolution 54/235]	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
65.	Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia [General Assembly resolution 53/77 A]	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T -
66.	Advisory Group of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163]	Geneva	10 E	I (ES)	T -
67.	Commission on Population and Development, thirty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVII) and 1995/55]	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
68.	Committee for Development Policy, third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46]	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
69.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Legal Subcommittee, fortieth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR ^a One session per year
70.	Commission on Sustainable Development, ninth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
71.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
72.	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1273 (XLI) and 1765 (LIV)]	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session every two years
73.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-third session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	New York	5 E	I (AEFS)	T -
74.	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, fiftieth session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	Vienna	21 G	I (CEFRS)	T - One session per year
75.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T SR Three sessions per year

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76.	30 April-4 May	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
77.	30 April-11 May	New York	95 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
78.	30 April-11 May	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
79.	30 April-18 May	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T SR Two sessions per year
80.	April (3 weeks)	New York	188 G	I (ACEFRS)	T PV One session per year
81.	April (2 weeks)	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T - Two sessions per year
82.	April (7 days)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T - One session per year
83.	April/June (7 days)	Brussels	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
84.	April (3 days)	To be determined	To be determined	I (AEF)	T -
85.	April (2 days)	Geneva	26 ST	I (EF)	T - Two sessions per year
86.	April (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
87.	April (1 day)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
88.	April	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR
89.	April	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T - One session every two years
90.	April	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T - One session every two years

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91. ECE, fifty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	1-4 May	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T - One session per year
92. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	1 May-13 July	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T - Three sessions per year
93. Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	2-3 May	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR
94. Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	7-11 May	New York	131 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
95. General Assembly, Fifth Committee, resumed fifty-fifth session [Charter]	7 May-1 June	New York	188 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR
96. Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, tenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	8-17 May	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
97. Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	8-17 May (12 meetings)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
98. Commission on Science and Technology for Development, fifth session [General Assembly resolution 46/235 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/75]	14-18 May	Geneva	33 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session every two years
99. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	14-18 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T - Three sessions per year
100. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/246]	14-18 May	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
101. Executive Board of WFP, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	14-18 May (if required)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
102. Conference on Disarmament, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	14 May-29 June	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T PV One session in three parts per year
103. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, ninth session [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	21-25 May	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T -
104. Executive Board of WFP, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	21-25 May	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -

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105. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Arbitration, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	21 May-1 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - Two sessions per year
106. Commission on Human Rights acting as the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance [General Assembly resolution 52/111]	21 May-1 June	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
107. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, twentieth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	21 May-1 June	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T - One session per year
108. International Narcotics Control Board, seventy-first session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	21 May-1 June	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T - Two or three sessions per year
109. UNFCCC, meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention [General Assembly resolution 54/222]	21 May-1 June	Bonn	179 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
110. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	21 May-8 June	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T SR Three sessions per year
111. High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, twelfth session [General Assembly resolution 33/134]	29 May-1 June	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session every two years
112. United Nations international meeting on the question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 54/40]	May (3 days)	To be determined	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T -
113. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	May (2 days)	New York	11-12 E	-	- Four or five meetings per year
114. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board — Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	May/June (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T - One session per year
115. ESCWA, Technical Committee [Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/26]	May/June (3 days)	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T - One session every two years
116. ESCWA, twenty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1818 (LV), 2089 (LXIII) and 1994/26]	May/June (2 days)	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T - One session every two years
117. UNICEF, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	4-8 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
118. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	4-22 June	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T SR Two sessions per year

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119. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, forty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	6-15 June	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	One session per year
120. Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children, third substantive session [General Assembly resolution 54/93] ^c	11-15 June	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-
121. Committee on the Rights of the Child, Pre-session Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	11-15 June	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	Three sessions per year
122. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	11-22 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	One session per year
123. Committee on Contributions, sixty-first session [General Assembly resolution 14 (I) A]	11-29 June	New York	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	One session per year
124. UNCITRAL, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	25 June-13 July	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	One session per year
125. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Pre-session Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	25-29 June	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	Two sessions per year
126. United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	27-29 June	New York	3 E	-	-	One session per year
127. Committee for Programme and Coordination, forty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	June (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	One session per year
128. Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, fifteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	June (4 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	Two sessions per year
129. General Assembly, special session for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [General Assembly resolution 53/180]	June (3 days)	New York	188 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV
130. United Nations seminar on assistance to the Palestinian people [General Assembly resolution 54/40]	June (3 days)	Amman	To be determined	I (AEF)	T	-
131. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31]	June (1 day)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-
132. Meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178]	June	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	One session per year
133. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	June/July (5 weeks)	Geneva	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV ^a Two sessions per year

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134. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	June/July (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS) T	-
135. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	June/July (2 weeks)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS) T	- One session per year
136. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	June/July (6-8 meetings per week, up to 30 meetings)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS) T	SR ^f
137. Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	June/July (4 days)	New York	20 E	I (ACEFRS) T	- Two sessions per year
138. Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean [General Assembly resolutions 2992 (XXVII) and 54/47]	June/July	New York	44 G	I (ACEFRS) T	SR
139. United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects [General Assembly resolutions 53/77 E and 54/54 V]	June/July	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS) T	SR ^b
140. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	2-6 July	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS) T	- Three sessions per year
141. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	2-13 July	Geneva	23 G	I (CEFRS) T	- One or two sessions per year
142. Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	2-27 July	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS) T	SR One session per year
143. Human Rights Committee, seventy-second session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	9-27 July	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS) T	SR Three sessions per year
144. ICSC, fifty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	16 July-3 August	New York	15 E	I (EFRS) T	- Two sessions per year
145. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	23-27 July	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS) T	- One session per year

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146. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommittee on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, fifty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	30 July-17 August	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	SR One session per year
147. Conference on Disarmament, third part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	30 July-14 September	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	PV One session in three parts per year
148. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July (1 week)	New York	15 E	I (EF)	T One session every two years
149. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, extraordinary session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/287]	13-31 August	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T SR
150. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommittee on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	20-31 August	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T One session per year
151. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	August (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T SR Two sessions per year
152. United Nations North American meeting on the question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 54/40]	August (3 days)	To be determined	To be determined	I (EF)	T -
153. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, tenth session [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	August/September	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T -
154. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	August/September (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T -
155. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-session working group, extraordinary session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/287]	3-7 September	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T -
156. UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	4-7 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
157. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	4 September-21 December	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T -
158. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	10-14 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
					Three sessions per year

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159. UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-eighth session, first part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	10-14 September	Geneva	*	I (ACEFRS)	T - One or two sessions per year
160. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-eighth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	17 September-5 October	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T SR Three sessions per year
161. General Assembly, special session in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children [General Assembly resolution 51/186]	September (3 Days)	New York	188 G	I (ACEFRS)	T PV
162. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September (2 days)	New York	11-12 E	-	- - Four or five meetings per year
163. UNITAR, Board of Trustees, thirty-ninth session, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	September (2-3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T - One session in two parts per year
164. UNRWA, Advisory Commission [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	September (1 day)	Amman	10 G	I (AEF)	T - One session per year
165. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	September/October (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
166. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/October (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	- - Three sessions of one meeting each per year
167. General Assembly, fifty-sixth session [Charter]	September-December	New York	188 G	I (ACEFRS)	T PV/ SR ¹
168. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Arbitration, thirty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	Third quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - Two sessions per year
169. Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia [General Assembly resolution 53/77 A]	Third quarter (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T -
170. Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	Third quarter	New York	131 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
171. UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	1-12 October	Geneva	*	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year

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172. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	8-12 October	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T - Three sessions per year
173. Committee on the Rights of the Child, Pre-session Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	8-12 October	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T - Three sessions per year
174. Human Rights Committee, seventy-third session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	15 October- 2 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T SR Three sessions per year
175. Executive Board of WFP, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	22-26 October	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
176. UNFCCC Conference of the Parties to the Convention, seventh session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 54/222]	29 October- 9 November	Marrakesh	179 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
177. International Narcotics Control Board, seventy-second session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	29 October- 15 November	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T - Two or three sessions per year
178. UNHCR, Executive Committee, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October (1 week)	Geneva	57 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR One session per year
179. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, thirty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	October (2 days)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
180. Administrative Committee on Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October/ November (2-3 days)	New York	26 ST	I (EF)	T - Two sessions per year
181. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	October/ November (5 weeks)	New York	7 E	I (EF)	T PV ^b Two sessions per year
182. Committee against Torture, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	12-23 November	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T SR Two sessions per year
183. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	12-30 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T SR Three sessions per year
184. Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolutions 347 (IV) and 1438 (XIV)]	27 November- 4 December	To be determined	9 E	I (EF)	- - One session per year

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185.	28 November	Geneva	117 G	I (EFRS) T	SR One session every two years
186.	29 November	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS) T PV	
187.	November (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF) T	Two sessions per year
188.	November (3 days)	Geneva	To be determined	I (AEF) T	
189.	November (2 days)	New York	11-12 E	-	Four or five meetings per year
190.	November (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS) T	
191.	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS) T	One meeting per year
192.	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS) T	One meeting per year
193.	November/December (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS) T	
194.	November/December (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS) T	
195.	November/December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	-	
196.	November/December	Bonn	157 G	I (ACEFRS) T	

185. Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]

186. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]

187. Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, sixteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]

188. Consultations with civil society organizations on the question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 54/40]

189. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]

190. United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]

191. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]

192. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]

193. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]

194. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]

195. UNDP, Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]

196. Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, fifth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 54/223]

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197. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	3-7 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS) T	- Two sessions per year
198. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/104 and 1999/65]	3-14 December	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS) T	- One or two sessions per year
199. United Nations Board of Auditors, special session [General Assembly resolution 74 (II)]	5 December	To be determined	3 E	-	-
200. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, resumed forty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	5-7 December	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS) T	- One session every two years
201. UNU, Council, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF) T	- One session per year
202. Disarmament Commission, organizational session [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	New York	188 G	I (ACEFRS) T	PV One session per year
203. UNICEF, Executive Board meeting on support budget [Executive Board decision 2000/7]	December (2 days)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS) T	PV One session every two years
204. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	Fourth quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS) T	- Two sessions per year
205. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	Fourth quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS) T	- Two sessions per year
206. UNCTAD, other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	*	I (ACEFRS) T	- As required
207. UNCTAD, seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	*	I (ACEFRS) T	- As required
208. UNCTAD, consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Geneva	*	I (ACEFRS) T	- As required

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209. UNCTAD, executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (3 days)	Geneva	*	I (ACEFRS)	T - As required
210. Trusteeship Council (and drafting committees) [Charter]	As required	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T PV ^d As required
211. Security Council [Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T PV As required
212. Security Council Committee of Experts [decision taken by the Security Council at its first meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
213. Security Council, Committee on the Admission of New Members [decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
214. Security Council, Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
215. Security Council Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	New York	3 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
216. Security Council, Ad Hoc Committee established under Security Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	New York	4 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
217. Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
218. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
219. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
220. Security Council, Ad Hoc Commission established under Council resolution 794 (1992)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
221. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
222. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
223. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
224. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required

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225. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
226. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Afghanistan	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
227. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1298 (2000) concerning the situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
228. Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 687 (1991)	As required	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
229. United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	New York	3 G	I (EF)	T - As required
230. Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T - As required
231. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR As required
232. Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 43/222 B]	As required	New York	21 G	I (AEFRS)	T - As required
233. Committee on Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - As required
234. Executive Board of UNDP and UNEPA, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - As required
235. UNICEF, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - As required
236. ECE, committees and working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	As required	Geneva	55 G	To be determined	T -
237. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [Security Council resolution 808 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/235]	As required	The Hague	11 E	I (EF)	T - As required

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238.	International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [Security Council resolution 955 (1994)]	Arusha	11 E	I (EF)	T - As required
239.	International Law Commission, fifty-third session [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	Geneva	34 E	I (ACEFRS)	T SR One session per year
240.	Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [final declaration of the Special Conference of the States Parties]	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
241.	International Law Seminar [General Assembly resolution 49/51]	Geneva	30 E	I (EFS)	- - One session per year
242.	Special Conference of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention in connection with a protocol on verification measures [final declaration of the Special Conference of the States Parties]	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
243.	World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance [General Assembly resolution 52/111]	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
244.	Preparatory Committee of the Special Conference of the States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention in connection with a protocol on verification measures [final declaration of the Special Conference of the States Parties]	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
245.	Preparatory Committee of the Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [final declaration of the Special Conference of the States Parties]	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
246.	Third Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction [article 11, paragraph 2, of the Convention]	Geneva	83 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
247.	Commission on Human Rights, expert meeting on the use of mercenaries [General Assembly resolution 54/151]	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T -

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248. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, European region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/36]	To be determined (1 week)	Vienna	55 G	I (EFRS)	T - One session every three years
249. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	To be determined (1 week)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T -
250. INSTRAW, Board of Trustees, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	To be determined (1 week)	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T - One session per year
251. UNCTAD, meeting of governmental experts from landlocked and transit developing countries and representatives of donor countries and financial and development institutions [General Assembly resolution 54/199]	To be determined (4 days)	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T -
252. ECLAC, Committee of the Whole, twenty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI)]	To be determined (2 days)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T - One session every two years
253. General Assembly, high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [General Assembly resolution 53/181]	To be determined	New York	188 G	I (ACEFRS)	T PV One session every two years
254. Expert group on Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status [General Assembly resolution 53/77 D]	To be determined	New York	10 E	To be determined	T -
255. Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development [General Assembly resolution 46/151]	To be determined	New York	To be determined	I (EF)	T -
256. High-level international intergovernmental event on financing for development [General Assembly resolution 54/196]	To be determined	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
257. Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa [General Assembly resolution 54/234]	To be determined	New York	188 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
258. Preparatory Committee of the Second Review Conference of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [final declaration of the First Review Conference]	To be determined	Geneva	100 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -

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259.	Second Review Conference of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [final declaration of the First Review Conference]	Geneva	100 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
260.	Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [article 13, paragraph 1, of Amended Protocol]	Geneva	28 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
261.	UNCTAD, meetings of experts [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T -
262.	UNEP, High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials [Governing Council decision 19/1 B]	Nairobi	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
263.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T -
264.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, African region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T -
265.	General meeting on cooperation between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations [General Assembly resolutions 45/82 and 50/16]	To be determined	27 ST	I (AEF)	T - One session every two years

^a The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated. Languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned, and in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, according to the actual requirements when these are less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

^b For only those meetings at which decisions will be taken.

^c Subject to approval by the Economic and Social Council.

^d Subject to approval by the General Assembly.

^e Open to the participation of all interested States members of UNCTAD (UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 9).

^f For plenary meetings only.

^g The General Assembly, in paragraph 8 of its resolution 53/45, noted with satisfaction that in accordance with paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 52/56, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its forty-first session, had reviewed further its requirements for unedited verbatim transcripts and agreed to continue the use of those transcripts.

^h When holding oral hearings.

ⁱ It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary and First Committee meetings only.

B. List of bodies whose mandates are to be presented for renewal to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session

Organ	Dates (2000)	Location	Membership	Servicing ^a	Periodicity
1. Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [General Assembly resolution 3349 (XXIX)]	To be determined	New York	188 G	I T (ACEFRS)	-
2. Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 2656 (XXV)]	To be determined	New York	9 G	I T (EF)	-
3. Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council [General Assembly resolution 48/26]	To be determined	New York	188 G	I T (ACEFRS)	-
4. Informal Open-ended Working Group on An Agenda for Peace and/or its sub-groups [General Assembly resolution 47/120]	To be determined	New York	188 G	I T (ACEFRS)	-
5. High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations [General Assembly resolution 49/143]	To be determined	New York	188 G	I T (ACEFRS)	-
6. Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [General Assembly resolution 2443 (XXIII)]	To be determined	Geneva	3 G	I T (AEF)	pV ^b
7. Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court [General Assembly resolution 54/105]	To be determined	New York	To be determined	I T (ACEFRS)	-

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^b When holding oral hearings.

C. Draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and treaty bodies established under the auspices of the United Nations, 2001

<i>Organ</i>	<i>Dates (2001)</i>	<i>Location</i>
1. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixty-second session	15 January-2 February	Montreal
2. IAEA, Board of Governors, Programme and Budget Committee	January	Vienna
3. WHO, Executive Board, one hundred and seventh session	January/February	Geneva
4. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B and informal/expert meetings/on-site inspection	5-16 February	Vienna
5. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B and Informal/Expert Meetings	19 February-2 March	Vienna
6. ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixty-second session	19 February-16 March	Montreal
7. IFAD, Governing Council	20-21 February	Rome
8. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group A and informal/expert meetings	5-9 March	Vienna
9. IAEA, Board of Governors	March	Vienna
10. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and eightieth session	March/April	Geneva
11. UNIDO, Programme and Budget Committee, seventeenth session	2-4 April	Vienna
12. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixty-third session	17 April-4 May	Montreal
13. IFAD, Executive Board	25-26 April	Rome
14. Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons	14-18 May	The Hague
15. WHO, World Health Assembly, fifty-fourth session	14-23 May	Geneva
16. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, fourteenth session	22-25 May	Vienna
17. ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixty-third session	22 May-22 June	Montreal
18. FAO, Committee on World Food Security	28-31 May	Rome
19. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B and informal/expert meetings/on-site inspection	28 May-8 June	Vienna
20. UPU, Postal Operations Council	May	Berne
21. WMO, Executive Council, fifty-third session	May	Geneva
22. IAEA, Board of Governors, Administrative and Budgetary Committee	May	Vienna

<i>Organ</i>	<i>Dates (2001)</i>	<i>Location</i>
23. WHO, Executive Board, one hundred and eighth session	May/June	Geneva
24. UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and sixtieth session	May/June	Paris
25. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B and informal/expert meetings	11-22 June	Vienna
26. UNIDO, Industrial Development Board, twenty-second session	18-22 June	Vienna
27. FAO, Council, one hundred and twentieth session	18-23 June	Rome
28. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group A and informal/expert meetings	25-29 June	Vienna
29. ITU, Council	June (2 weeks)	Geneva
30. ILO, General Conference, eighty-ninth session	June	Geneva
31. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and eighty-first session	June	Geneva
32. IAEA, Board of Governors	June	Vienna
33. IMO, Council, eighty-sixth session	June	London
34. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, fifteenth session	21-24 August	Vienna
35. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B and informal/expert meetings	27 August-7 September	Vienna
36. IFAD, Executive Board	12-13 September	Rome
37. IAEA, Board of Governors	September	Vienna
38. WIPO, Assemblies of Member States	September/October	Geneva
39. IMF/World Bank, joint annual meetings of the Boards of Governors	September/October	Washington, D.C.
40. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group A and informal/expert meetings	8-12 October	Vienna
41. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixty-fourth session	8-26 October	Montreal
42. FAO, World Food Day	16 October	Rome
43. FAO, Council, one hundred and twenty-first session	30 October -1 November	Rome
44. UPU, Postal Operations Council	October	Berne
45. IAEA, Board of Governors	October	Vienna
46. IAEA, General Conference	October	Vienna
47. UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and sixty-first session	October	Paris
48. UNESCO, General Conference, thirty-first session	October/November	Paris
49. FAO, Conference, thirty-first session	2-13 November	Rome
50. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty	5-16 November	Vienna

Organ	Date (2001)	Location
Organization, Working Group B and informal/expert meetings/on-site inspection		
51. ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixty-fourth session	13 November-7 December	Montreal
52. FAO, Council, one hundred and twenty-second session	14 November	Rome
53. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, sixteenth session	19-23 November	Vienna
54. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and eighty-second session	November	Geneva
55. IMO, Assembly, twenty-third session	November	London
56. IMO, Council, eighty-seventh session	November	London
57. UNIDO, General Conference, ninth session	3-7 December	Vienna
58. IAEA, Board of Governors, Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee	December	Vienna
59. IAEA, Board of Governors	December	Vienna
60. IFAD, Executive Board	December	Rome
61. Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, seventh session	To be determined	Kingston

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**Calendar of conferences and meetings: adoption of the draft
revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 2001**

Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

1. The present document contains changes and additions to document A/AC.172/2000/CRP.1.
2. In paragraph 5, first item, the date for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries should read 14-20 May.
3. In the annex, changes and additions to sections A and C are provided below.

* A/AC.172/2000/1.



1. Changes to the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, 2001 as contained in section A of the annex to document A/AC.172/2000/CRP.1*

Organ	Date (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing ^a	Periodicity
32. Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, second <i>substantive</i> session [General Assembly resolution 54/279]	12-23 February	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
64. Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, second session [General Assembly resolution 54/235]	2-6 April	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
70. Commission on Sustainable Development, ninth session, and preparatory meeting for the tenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	16-27 April and 30 April-2 May	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
76. Second meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Ocean Affairs [General Assembly resolution 54/33]	7-11 May	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year
78. Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, third <i>substantive</i> session [General Assembly resolution 54/279]	30 April-11 May	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
83. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [General Assembly resolutions 52/187 and 53/182]	14-20 May	Brussels	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
85. Administrative Committee on Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	April (2 days)	Nairobi (UNEP headquarters)	26 ST	I (EF)	T - Two sessions per year
93. Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	3-4 May	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T SR
94. Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	14-18 May	New York	131 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
106. Commission on Human Rights acting as the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance [General Assembly resolution 52/111]	21 May-1 June	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -

Organ	Date (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing ^a	Periodicity
135. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	June (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS) T	One session per year
203. UNICEF, Executive Board, <i>extraordinary budgetary session</i> [Executive Board decision 2000/7]	December (2-3 days)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS) T PV	One session every two years

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^b Includes one week extension subject to General Assembly approval.

2. Additions to the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, 2001 as contained in section A of the annex to document A/AC.172/2000/CRP.1

Organ	Date (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing ^a	Periodicity
1.	Commission on Human Rights, open-ended working group on the right to development [Economic and Social Council decision 2000/...]	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
2.	Commission on Human Rights, open-ended working group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Punishment [Economic and Social Council decision 2000/...]	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
3.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Structural Adjustment [Economic and Social Council decision 2000/...]	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T -
4.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, thirtieth session [Economic and Social Council decision 2000/...]	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T -
5.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, thirty-first session [Economic and Social Council decision 2000/...]	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T -
6.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, thirty-second session [Economic and Social Council decision 2000/...]	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T -
7.	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues [Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/...]	Geneva	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T - One session per year

^a The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated. Languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned and, in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, according to the actual requirements, when these are less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

3. Changes to the calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and treaty bodies established under the auspices of the United Nations, 2001 as contained in section C of the annex to document A/AC.172/2000/CRP.1*

<i>Organ</i>	<i>Dates (2001)</i>	<i>Location</i>
24. UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and sixty-first session	May/June	Paris
30. ILO, General Conference, eighty-ninth session	5-21 June	Geneva
47. UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and sixty-second session	October	Paris
61. Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, seventh session	2-13 July	Kingston

* Changes are indicated by italics.

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**Control and limitation of documentation: compliance
with the regulations concerning page limits**

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The present note is submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/208 B, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit every two years, through the Committee on Conferences, updated information on the number and length of documents. The information contained herein for the years 1998-1999 follows the reporting format of documents A/51/268 and A/AC.172/1998/CRP.4, which analysed the number and length of documents for the years 1995 and 1996-1997, respectively.

**II. Developments concerning documentation policy during
1998 and 1999**

2. In its resolution A/53/208 B, the General Assembly stressed the need for compliance with the existing page limits for documents, and invited all intergovernmental bodies to consider, where appropriate, the possibility of further reducing the length of their reports from 32 to 20 pages. The Assembly called upon the Secretariat to make more rigorous its procedures for obtaining waivers to the 16-page rule for documents originating in the Secretariat, while maintaining the necessary degree of flexibility, with a view to encouraging author departments to reduce the length of their submissions while maintaining high standards of quality.

3. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to improve the quality of the translation of documents into the six official languages in a timely manner.



4. In December 1999, in its resolution A/54/248 C, the Assembly reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation is available in accordance with the six-week rule for the distribution of documents simultaneously in the six official languages of the General Assembly.

5. During the period covered by the present note, the format of documentation has been improved in all languages by the introduction of a new, easy-to-read, double-column layout, which has contributed to a reduction in the length of documents.

III. Length of documents

6. In accordance with the method used in previous reports on the length of documents and in order to provide as comprehensive a picture as possible of the degree of compliance with the existing page limits, statistical information has been compiled on the number and length of documents issued in 1998 and 1999 for the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council. During 1999, in anticipation of the year 2000 (Y-2K) problem, the migration from the non-Y2K compliant old tracking system in conference services to a state-of-the-art electronic document registration information and tracking system was implemented. As a result of the migration, not all the data stored in the old system was available for the preparation of the present note, while the potential of the new system could not yet be fully exploited. Thus, certain adjustments had to be made and, as in earlier reports, the data gathered refer only to documents issued strictly under the symbols of those three principal organs (A/-, S/- and E/-). Documents issued under the symbols of subsidiary bodies of those organs, including their main and sessional committees, are excluded. Meeting records, official records, resolutions, information documents and corrigenda are also excluded.

7. The documents have been categorized as follows:

(a) *Category A*: reports originating in the Secretariat;

(b) *Category B*: major policy documents, such as the proposed programme budget and reports not originating in the Secretariat; this group includes reports of subsidiary organs and of special rapporteurs, reports in which replies from Governments are compiled and other documents whose length, in a strict sense, cannot be controlled by the Secretariat, such as agendas, notes transmitting biographical information of candidates for elections, programmes of work and similar documents;

(c) *Category C*: communications from Member States;

(d) *Category D*: draft resolutions and draft decisions.

8. The information below combines statistics for the years 1998 and 1999 and can be summarized as follows:

Category	Documents		Pages	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
A	1 231	24	14 598	30
B	1 293	26	23 195	48
C	2 062	41	9 691	20
D	451	9	1 175	2
Total	5 037	100	48 659	100

As seen under category A, the length of about one fourth of the documents included in the sample is subject to control by the Secretariat. The length of the remaining documents reflects the practices and decisions of intergovernmental bodies and the Member States themselves. Compared to the previous two years, the number of documents increased by more than 7 per cent while the total number of pages decreased by 3 per cent. Consequently, the length of an average document — about 10 pages — is one page less than in previous years. The ratios between the categories are unchanged: categories A and B account for half the total number of documents and three quarters of the total number of pages.

Category A. Reports originating in the Secretariat

9. The breakdown by length of reports originating in the Secretariat is as follows:

Category A

Length	Documents		Pages	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
1-16 pages	951	77	5 856	40
17-20	88	7	1 655	12
21-24	47	4	1 057	7
25-32	63	5	1 755	12
33-50	56	5	2 188	15
51-100	22	2	1 340	9
100+	4	0	747	5
Total	1 231	100	14 598	100

Close to 80 per cent of the Secretariat documents continue to comply with the limit of 16 pages; however, because of their length, the remaining documents continue to account for 60 per cent of the workload originating in the Secretariat. Documents with manuscript in excess of the page limit are accepted for processing only if the heads of the author departments concerned provide written justification for the need to exceed the established limit. Conference services, while providing guidance and advice on how to reduce the length of such manuscripts, decides on a case-by-case basis on the granting of waivers to the sixteen-page rule.

Category B. Major policy documents and reports not originating in the Secretariat

10. The breakdown by length of major policy documents and reports not originating in the Secretariat is as follows:

Category B

<i>Length</i>	<i>Documents</i>		<i>Pages</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
1-16 pages	998	77	4 779	21
17-20	48	4	891	4
21-24	35	3	792	3
25-32	47	4	1 337	6
33-50	75	6	3 055	13
51-100	44	3	2 945	13
100+	46	3	9 396	40
Total	1 293	100	23 195	100

This category includes documents of intergovernmental bodies. Notwithstanding the numerous invitations of the General Assembly for subsidiary bodies to reduce the length of their reports from the desired limit of 32 pages to 20 pages, three quarters of the workload in this category involves documents that are longer than 20 pages. The proportion of documents in category B exceeding the desirable limit of 32 pages, however, decreased from 40 to 32 per cent of the total workload included in the sample used in the present note.

Category C. Communications from Member States

Category D. Draft resolutions and decisions

11. Although communications from Member States and draft resolutions and decisions are not subject to length limitations, their breakdown by length is indicated below for information purposes:

Category C

<i>Length</i>	<i>Documents</i>		<i>Pages</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
1-16 pages	2 003	97	7 243	75
17-20	18	1	332	4
21-24	6	0	138	1
25-32	14	1	398	4
33-50	12	1	503	5
51-100	4	0	232	2
100+	5	0	845	9
Total	2 062	100	9 691	100

Category D

<i>Length</i>	<i>Documents</i>	<i>Pages</i>
1-16 pages	449	1 126
17-50	2	49
Total	451	1 175

IV. Conclusions

12. Although the number and proportion of documents issued in accordance with the established and desirable page limits have increased, compliance with the limitation targets for both intergovernmental and Secretariat documents continues to be only partial. The slight reduction in the overall length of documents demonstrated above is most likely to be a direct result of the new format.

13. Documents which are significantly in excess of the page limit, especially when submitted late, create an additional burden for the processing services, can jeopardize timely issuance and may compromise quality. Member States have repeatedly called for the timely issuance of documentation and respect for simultaneous distribution of all language versions, and have raised quality concerns. Bearing all this in mind, efforts to further reduce the length of documents should concentrate on those cases where page limits are applicable or desirable since such documents make up 50 per cent of all documentation and account for close to 80 per cent of their total volume.